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UKRAINE INVASION WAR CRIMES DETERRENCE AND ACCOUNT- ABILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, as we speak, the battle for liberty and democracy rages on in Ukraine. Congress and the Country are in awe of the heroism and determination of the Ukrainian people—as they defend democracy in their homeland and in the world.

Tragically, the Russian response to their courage and resilience has been nothing short of monstrous. Since Russia's unlawful and unprovoked invasion, we have heard deeply disturbing reports out of Ukraine: demolishing a maternity hospital; bombing civilians fleeing the fighting; and killing innocent children.

As the State Department concluded on March 23rd, based on the information available, these barbaric attacks amount to war crimes.

Just this week, the world saw shocking and horrifying images of mass executions in Bucha—with the bodies of hundreds of slain civilians strewn throughout the city. Sadly, as President Zelenskyy reported to the United Nations Security Council yesterday, we have reason to believe this is happening elsewhere, too.

Sadly, the Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that the massacre the world saw wasn't real—but a performance by actors playing dead.

This reality is sickening and heart-wrenching—and we cannot stay silent in the face of these outrageous and unthinkable atrocities.

Today, the House takes another important step to hold Putin and the Russian government accountable for this cruel brutality.

With the Ukraine War Crimes Act, we will ensure that the United States is collecting, analyzing and preserving evidence of Russian war crimes: an essential step so that the perpetrators can be prosecuted.

In doing so, we can help deter future war crimes—making it clear to Russian forces that the free world is closely watching.

This action follows the leadership of President Joe Biden, who has: capably orchestrated the West's strong, unified response; and demonstrated extraordinary moral clarity, among the first to call these heinous attacks what they are: war crimes.

Let us salute Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman GREGORY MEEKS and Ranking Member MICHAEL MCCAUL, for their relentless leadership in introducing this strong legislation.

And I thank them for their commitment to bipartisanship: demonstrating our Nation's unity and resolve as we respond to Russia's aggression.

This legislation builds on ongoing, escalating efforts by the Congress, the Administration and our Allies to punish Putin for his crimes.

With historic speed and coordination with our allies abroad, America has led the world in isolating Russia and devastating its economy.

We have: cut off Russian banks and decimated its markets; choked off its access to technology; cracked down on the oligarchs funding this war—and much more.

The House has passed bold legislation to revoke normal trade relations from Russia and ban the import of Russian energy: two major steps that will further cripple Putin's war effort and the Russian economy.

At the same time, we have secured \$13.6 billion in new humanitarian, security and economic assistance for Ukraine—which is already reaching people on the ground—as well as bolstered our support for NATO.

Our actions have left Russia weaker in every way. And now, we are taking further action to make sure Russia is held to account for its crimes.

This week, on Monday evening—54 years after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—many of us gathered with the King family at the MLK Memorial.

At the foot of this spectacular monument to peace, the King family placed a sunflower wreath: a symbol of our unity with the people of Ukraine.

In his book *Stride Toward Freedom*, Dr. King wrote: “He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it.”

The legislation that the House will pass today will make clear that we stand firmly against the evil being perpetrated against Ukraine—and on the side of democracy, freedom and peace.

In memory of the victims of these horrific Russian war crimes—and in solidarity with those who remain in danger—I urge a strong, bipartisan “aye” vote on this legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of renowned architect Frederick Law Olmsted. This marks the 200th year since his birth.

Prior to beginning his career as a landscape architect, Mr. Olmsted worked as an author, farmer, journalist, and public servant. As the superintendent of New York's Central Park, he was awarded the opportunity to design the park. This prestigious task marked only the beginning of his accomplished career in architecture. In 1873, Congress selected Mr. Olmsted to design the expansion of the U.S. Capitol. He also designed the Biltmore Estate in Asheville where he fell in love with the natural beauty of North Carolina. He later accepted the opportunity to serve as the chief architect for the Village of Pinehurst. Today, the

Village of Pinehurst is part of the Pinehurst National Historic Landmark District on the National Register of Historic Places. This impressive distinction serves in large part to recognize the cultural and architectural significance of Mr. Olmsted's exemplary work.

After he passed in 1903, Mr. Olmsted's sons and business colleagues worked to carry out his architectural mission which continues to shape the direction of American architecture and design. His extraordinary legacy provides a guiding model for all practicing architecture.

I would like to extend my most sincere appreciation to Mr. Olmsted for his committed and impactful leadership and achievements in the fields of architecture and landscaping. His work has greatly benefitted North Carolina and the U.S., and I join our entire community in honoring his extraordinary life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted.

RECOGNIZING MARVIN RANDLE

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marvin Randle, former mayor of Irving. Randle is a native and lifelong resident of Irving and served two consecutive two-year terms from May 1977 to April 1981.

Marvin has also had a great impact on our community as a small business owner, founding Irving Counter Top in 1962. Over the years, the family-owned-and-operated business has continued to grow along with the DFW Metroplex.

Marvin is a longtime friend and mentor. It is an honor to help celebrate such a full and impactful career and legacy, as Marvin retires this month. I thank Marvin for his great contributions to our local government and the impact he has made on our community.

RECOGNIZING THE VARINA HIGH SCHOOL BLUE DEVILS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the Varina Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team for winning the Class 4 State Championship title.

This title run was a towering achievement, as it resulted in the team's second state championship in basketball and the school's second state championship this school year. It is truly a well-earned victory, not only for the team but also the school and community.

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The Blue Devils' win was earned through hard work on and off the court, with their individual talents combining through outstanding teamwork. Coming off a semifinal win with the score of 84–68, the Blue Devils put on an outstanding performance in the Championship, with a final score of 61–35. I am certain that their legacy of championship achievement will inspire future Blue Devils to follow in their footsteps.

On behalf of Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Principal Darin Thompson, Coach Kenneth Randolph, and the Varina High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team for their inspiring championship season.

BENTON REA'S 85TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Benton Rural Electric Association's 85th birthday and to sincerely thank them for all of their contributions to Central Washington.

This electric company has changed the way farmers work. Benton REA was established on April 19, 1937, to serve those in Benton and the surrounding counties. One year later, Benton REA helped Benton and Yakima farmers move into the modern era of electricity by flipping the switch to light more than 89 rural farms.

As the oldest operating consumer-owned business serving Benton and Yakima counties, they understand the needs and concerns of the rural community when it comes to electricity needs. I thank them for their many faithful years of serving the 11,000 members across Benton, Yakima, and Lewis counties, many of whom are in my district, and for providing the electricity they need.

Congratulations on reaching this milestone and I wish them many more years of success.

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SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud Rep. McCAUL's Ukraine Invasion War Crimes Deterrence and Accountability Act.

History has taught us that evidence must be safeguarded in order to hold tyrants to account.

Putin and his enablers will gaslight the world until Kingdom Come—but the world and our progeny must know the truth.

As Ukraine's civilians and defenders continue their valiant fight against the beast—we must be ready to prosecute those who murdered innocents and pillaged a sovereign land.

Putin's war is not an act of defense. It is a calculated and brutal slaughter of ordinary people who sought only to build up their precious democracy.

Putin has shed any semblance of humanity. He is a monster with the blood of freedom-loving people on his hands.

When justice comes, let us be prepared with all that we need to sentence these evildoers to the punishments they deserve.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF KAROLE WHITE

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the career of Ms. Karole White, who served as president and CEO of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters for over 36 incredible years.

Karole has dedicated her career to organizations that have bettered Michigan communities and businesses. Under her leadership, MAB grew from a group with minimal resources, to one of the most respected and robust trade associations in the state.

Karole's leadership helped the MAB integrate into all areas of the broadcasting industry. Her advocacy extended from the smallest high school newsroom to the largest radio stations in the state. Currently, nearly 90 percent of individuals, companies, and organizations affiliated with broadcasting in Michigan have joined the MAB.

Karole's expertise has made her an essential part of the broadcasting industry, and she has built strong relationships across the field, not just in our state but around the country. When she announced her retirement in January, we knew that the industry was losing one of its greatest advocates. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her and wishing her well in her retirement. After decades of service, she surely deserves it, and I will always count it a privilege to call her my friend.

RECOGNIZING THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL SPRINGERS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the Highland Springs Springers Boys Basketball Team for winning the Class 5 State Championship title.

This title run was a tremendous achievement, as it resulted in the team's fourth state championship and first since 2007. The Springers won in the last seconds of the game with the final score being 63–62.

The Springers' win was earned through months of hard work. After a season of hard-fought wins and a remarkable record of 23–4, these young men closed out the championship game in style, securing the win in the final seconds of the game with stifling defense. I am certain that these young men and their championship achievement will be remembered in the Henrico community for years to come.

On behalf of Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Principal Kenneth White, Coach Reggie Tennyson, and the Highland Springs Springers Boys Basketball Team for their remarkable championship season.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPION USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the NCAA Women's National Basketball Champions for 2022. The University of South Carolina Gamecocks have played with tremendous heart and skill throughout this season, earning the team its second national title.

The Gamecocks have been ranked number one the entire season and lost just two games by slim margins. During the NCAA tournament, they beat No. 8 seed Miami, No. 5 seed University of North Carolina, No. 10 seed Creighton and No. 1 seed Louisville, before taking on No. 2 seed and perennial powerhouse University of Connecticut (UConn).

UConn had been in the Final Four for 14 consecutive years. USC made the Sweet 16 every year since 2014. In 2017, USC claimed their first national championship. The next year, UConn eliminated USC when they met the last time in the tournament. The Gamecocks were in a prime position to win the tournament in 2020, but it was cancelled due to the COVID–19 pandemic. Last year, USC was eliminated in the Final Four.

Head Coach Dawn Staley and the USC players were determined that 2022 was going to be their year. They delivered with a 64–49 victory on April 3 in Minneapolis, delivering UConn their first ever loss in the championship game.

I can't say enough about the leadership of Coach Staley. The Philadelphia native, and former college, WNBA, and Olympic basketball stand-out, has led USC's team since 2008. She built the program from scratch, and by the 2013–2014 season, the team won the SEC Conference and was the top ranked team nationally. Under her leadership, the Gamecocks have won six SEC regular season and SEC tournament championships, made it to eight Sweet Sixteens and four Final Fours, and now, won two national championships.

Coach Staley achieved all of this while serving as the U.S. Women's National Olympic Team head coach from 2017 to 2021, leading that team to a perfect 45–0 record and winning a gold medal. This year she received the Naismith Award as the best coach in the Nation for the second time and has earned the distinction of being the first Black coach in men's or women's Division I basketball history to win more than one national championship.

Coach Staley led a remarkable team with the starting line-up of No. 1 Zia Cooke, a junior guard from Toledo, Ohio; No. 3 Destanni Henderson, a senior guard from Fort Myers, Florida; No. 4 Aliyah Boston, a junior forward from St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; No. 5 Victoria Saxton, a senior forward from Rome, Georgia; and, No. 12 Brea Beal, a junior